

CSCI-4616

TO: Department of State  
Attention: Mr. A. R. Abajian  
Office of Investigations  
Refugee Relief Program

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: FEDAK, Mychajlo aka: SMURNYJ, LYS, MACURA,  
CZERWYK, SAWONCZAK

1. Reference is made to your NY memorandum IRP/579, dated 31 October 1955, subject as above, whose name you desired checked against the files of this office.

2. The files of this office reflect the following information concerning the subject of your request. In a report dated 16 November 1949 from the Department of the Army, from an untested source, content evaluation 'probably true', it was stated that on the night of 6 or 7 November 1949, six Ukrainian partisans, three men, one of whom was Michael SAVONCAK, and three women, crossed the Czech border near Hals. During this crossing, the party was approached by two members of the SSB (Czech State Security Police) who immediately opened fire with their weapons. The partisans who were armed, returned the fire, killing one of the SSB personnel and wounding the other man. On the morning of 7 November 1949, the partisan band was apprehended by the German Border Police, and sent to Tirschenreuth, Germany, to await disposition for illegal border crossing and illegal possession of weapons. (Reference: Counter Intelligence Corps, Report VII-2100.0, subject: SAVONCAK, Michael)

3. In a report dated 10 July 1951, it was indicated that Mikhailo FEDAK, a resident of a Regensburg, Germany, DP camp during the winter and spring of 1949, was known to have traveled in Poland from July to September 1949, on a clandestine courier mission for the OUN/Bandera (Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists). According to a confessed Polish agent, his moves while in Poland were reported systematically to the Polish Intelligence Service by a number of Ukrainian girls working for the Polish service, and it was suspected that he himself had been recruited by that service. In the autumn of 1949, he brought two confessed recruits of the Polish Intelligence Service out of Poland, one of whom subsequently became his wife. He was convicted of

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illegal border crossing and possession of firearms in Germany in December 1949. Under interrogation in Germany he withheld information from representatives of this Agency allegedly because of his oath to secrecy administered by the OGB/Bandera. Subject was described as extremely short, with blond curly hair and a poor complexion. (The information in this paragraph was furnished to the Displaced Persons Commission on 10 July 1951.)

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